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Innocent III Pope (to 1216)

Sicily under infant Frederick (II)  
separated from the Empire.  
Constance dies leaving guardianship  
of the child and kingdom to  
Innocent

r1198-1216

Pope Innocent III (r1198-1216) and his successors maintained Gregory VII's claim to papal monarchy, and especially through the growth of the Curia (the papal bureaucracy) played an active role in international politics and diplomacy. The Vatican frequently acted as a final court of appeals in disputes and at times appeared to be run not as much

by choice or by force and impose  
administrators.